

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Beitz, et al. Art Unit 1771  
Serial No. 10/768,264  
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For PERSONAL CARE ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING SPLICED ABSORBENT  
MATERIAL  
Examiner Norca Liz Torres Velazquez

June 19, 2006

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

This letter is in response to the Office action dated April 6, 2006.

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